

THE DEEMER DIARY

THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF

GEORGE WASHINGTON DEEMER

of

Bourbon, Marshall County, Indiana

who served in the

130th Regiment, Indiana Infantry,
Volunteers, 2nd Division,
4th Brigade, 23rd A. C.

The James that George speaks of in the
9th In. was his brother James Franklin Deemer
Co. "D" 9th In.

THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA

The invasion of Georgia began in the spring of 1864 from Chattanooga, Tennessee, with Union troops numbering about 95,000 men, under the command of General William Tecumseh Sherman. At Kennesaw Mountain on July 27, 1864 the Union troops were engaged by about 60,000 Confederates who were retreating under the command of General Joseph E. Johnston. Union losses were heavy, around 3,000 men.

The Union forces continued on southward with Atlanta as their goal. Atlanta was a depot for Confederate military supplies. During August the Union forces surrounded the city and finally on September 2, 1864 they entered the City of Atlanta as victors. In November 1864, the Union forces began their "march to the sea," with the burning of Atlanta. (The "march to the sea" was the name given the sixty mile wide path of destruction across Georgia.)

The diary begins presumably on April 4, 1864. The first "place" name appears on July 19 with a reference "marched towards Atlanta".

Another possible clue to location appears on August 30, 1864 "moved about 5 miles across the Montgomery Railroad, built works at night".

September 1, 1864 another clue to location, "marched about 10 miles followed the torn up Macon Railroad about 4 or 5 miles", and reported a "sharp engagement".

On October 8, 1864 "marched about 8 miles to Decatur, the little town that we took just 50 days ago. Have now made the trip around Atlanta, but never saw the city".

The foregoing diary entries seem to indicate George Washington Deemer participated in the Battle of Atlanta.

By

Ann Gregath

This Book was capt on the 24th of May Albert Johnson.
Memorandum from the time of enlist

17th 64 Enlisted in the 130th Reg and went to camp
Stilwell K the 21st and stayed at that c
three furlugs home) until the 11th

March 11th 64 left Camp Stilwell for and went marched
up in town and was ordered to K.Y. and we
marched back to t started about dark and
reported at bout 9 oclock the 18th and cr

1864

May
27th layed at burnt hickory til about 6 oclock and formed in
ranks and marched out about 2 ms and stayed there til
about 3 oclock the next day and marched back to Burnt
hickory.

28th we was called up at 3 oclock in the morning and heard the
mannons begin to belch about daylight and kept it up till
about 3 P.M. We still laying behind the brestworks at
burnt hickory.

May
the 29 Call up at 3 oclock but no rebs yet heard cannons all
night last night and this morning til 10 oclock Albert,
Dock Grey and myself in the woods writing letter. I
started a letter home yesterday marched about 3 ms for
the "front"

May
30th Camped on the bank of pumpkinvine creek Ga and nothing
for breakfast fell into ranks about noon and marched
about three ms to the wagontrain and drawed rashions
and then marched about a mile furth and layed in line
of battle alnight

May
31st and then went back over the hill and got breakfast and
worked on the breastworks 3 hours and in the afternoon we
w out to the skirmishers and stayed stayed there about
an hour and was ordered back of the fort and layed on our
guns all night

June
1st laying on a hill behind the artellery and can hear the
cannons on our right yesterday the rebs maid a charge on
the 124th Ind. and our men lost 2 killed and five wounded
and the rebs lost about 100 killed and dont know how many
wounded the report is that the rebs was all drunk

- 2nd started out about noon in collums and marched across a field by the right place in the woods and marched through the woods about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in line of battle and then turned by the right flank across another field and stood in the rain about 2 hours and then comenced building breastworks and the bullets singing round our heads and our battery belching about evry 2 minutes we got the work done about dark and the men came in then and got 2 letters from home stayed there all night.
- 3rd started in pusuit of the rebs about noon and marched about 5 miles and got in sight of the rebs and they threw shells at us but didn't hurt any body but scared several then we formed in line of battle and went out that way and our skirmishers fired pretty lively and the Wild 150th maid so mutch noise that the rebs retreated and so did we and marched back about 40 rods and built a breastwork on doublequick and stayed there all night in the rain
- 4th we was ordered to fall in and changed front & moved the left of the battalion back and stashed arms and moved the breastwork back and just as we got them done we was ordered to fall in before dinner (the reason of that was we hadent any things to eat) and marched by the right flank about 3 mis and then formed in line of battle and marched about 40 rods and got scared and maid another breastwork and when we got that done we drew some hardtack and coffee and a pinch of sugar and about that time it comenced raining and dident stop that night
- 5th layed around all day. dident do anything but try to keep out of the rain and wrote a letter home
- 6th cleaned up our guns for inspection and layed around in the shade it being a vary nice warm day. see a great many passing in the forenoon and also in the afternoon the 19th A.C. passed and I saw the 44th Ind Regt and several of my old friends and had a good visit
- 7th ordered to be ready to march at 6 A.M. and we was ready but dident go til about 8 then we fell in and marched about 4 ms and stoped and stacked armes and layed around there til 2 oclock and then the orders come to pitch tents and stay til they could find the supply train as we was out of grub and the train was lost. great excitement in the news is that old Abe has give Jeff 8 dayes to surrender
- 8th Went over to the 9th and had a good visit with James and Bill Dawson and Caleb and when I got back the rassions was just being drawn and I eat my supper, breakfast and dinner all at one meal. Then Albert, Dock Grey & myself went out and got a mess of mulberries. them went nice

- 9th I was detaled on fatigue duty and pretty near all of the company went out on picket and the rashions come up about 8 oclock that night and we had to draw them in the night
- 10th ordered to be reddy to march at 6 oclock and we took in our tents and then stood around there in the rain about a hour and the order was countermanded and we dident march any on the 10th
- 11th orders to be ready to march at 2 minutes warning and layed around all that day in the rain and put up our tents in the evening
- 12th orders come at 12 oclock to be reddy to march at daylight and we got reddy and started and marched about 5 miles and stoped about 8 oclock and it comenced raining about 6 and rained all day and all night we layed there in the rain from 8 til 2 and then the orders come to pitch tents then we put up our tents in the mud and water and some peeled bark and some cut brush to sleep on. that went tuff.
- 13th layed there all day no order nothing done only keeping out of the rain for it rained all day Bola & muself got in the notion to go in the navy and went and saw the general on the strength of it. at that particular I was a little sick of the service for the first time but dident tell my buddy
- 14 layed around camp and dident do any thing but starve till about 4 oclock and then we drew 2 days rashions but could eat them in 2 messes. heard heavy fighting all day
- 15 still fighting and nothing doing here yet this 8 oclock and heavy shooting rite close and the quarter master come around and said that we would draw 9 days rashions of sugar coffee and salt but no hardtack til tomorrow orders come to move about 12 oclock and we moved over to the breastwork where our men was at the time of the fight and stayed there til 2 oclock then m over to the breastworks where we run rebs out of and only saw one dead reb. stayed there all night layin close to our guns had one alarm. guard for each Co.
- 16th left our breastwork at 11 oclock marched out in the woods and layed there about 3 hours then marched out to the edge of a field formed in line of battle and marched up to a slight breastwork and layed there 2 hours then changed front to right a and maid a breastwork (the cannons and musketry playing all the time).
- 17th left that place about 8 oclock and marched by the right flank about 1 mile to a heavy breastwork of the rebs that they left the night before and formed our line along there works. advanced over that and put out skirmishers and they soon found the rebs and advanced & drove them back we followed up come to the edge of another field dressed our line and broke out after them on the run halting about evry 15 rods to drop down to shun the bullets. then Jamed around through the woods till about 3 P.M. then halted in an open field

and let old Jo Hooker take the lead stayed there about 3 hours then moved out on the right about 2 miles and stayed in an open field also in the rain slept in the mud and water.

- 18th Co. E went on picket started out at 8 and it rained all the time til 2 oclock I never saw mutch harder rain and never heard heavier cannonading kept up all day
- 19th Left the picketline about 10 A.M. and marched out in an open field in the mud where the rain could have a good chance at us and stayed there til about 5 P.M. and drew rations started on and marched about 40 rods and halted about faced and marched back and went in camp in the mud
- 20th left camp about 8 A.M. marched about 2 miles through the woods and mud went in camp the boys found 2 barrels of whiskey and it was issued some of us got tight
- 21st roused out at 3 AM to be reddy to march at daylight but didnt start that time commenced raining at daylight nothing exciting at present layed still all day
- 22nd started to march about 9 A.M. marched around about 4 miles and was drawn up in line stood there about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour then went up to where the batl commenced just got there before the rebs charged we was in the second line and layed down behind a small hill the bullets more than humed over us we saw several ded 2 wounded carried through our line evrything quiet before dark had a good night sleep
- 23rd 9 A.M. nothing exciting yet hear cannon away on our left vary heavy fighting on our left this afternoon stayed reddy to march all the afternoon but no move maid
- 24th 9 A.M. We hear skirmishing in front of us expected an attact last night but they didnt mix in 2 PM. all quiet wrote a letter home and one to Els no fight quiet all night.
- 25th Exciting newse in camp Old Fighting Jo says that he is going to show us more reb prisoners than we ever saw at once in a few days An Sherman says that he has the reb artilery under his command and the generl opinion is that the rebs is pretty near gobbled but it may be all a fudge called up about dark and marched out in front of the breastwork formed in line ad crept through the woods as still as we could and got vary near our skirmishers and maid a strong breastwork with spalds I took sick that night and was in the rear Joging along trying to keep up with the regt some times get with them at night but didnt keep up on a march til the 6th of July

- July 6th marched about 6 miles stoped near the railroad the 22nd ca. C. is now in the war for the first for some time our regt held the front line for 5 days in succession and only lost 4 or 5 men only 1 killed I think 12 oclock expecting marching orders all the time 1 oclock orders come to fire up camp the boys yelled like wild men a great many prisoners pased
- July 7th all quiet in camp prisoners passing today vary warm plesent and stiring saw George Dawson and heard that James was well ant that maid me feel good haha
- 8th ordered to be reddy to march at 2 oclock but didnt start til daylight and marched about 10 miles vary hot and dusty. stayed all night about 11 mile from the Chattahoochie River
- 9th noon. laying still looking for orders a great many troops crossing the River. no orders on the 9th
- 10th 9 oclock A M no orders yet. I went down last night and took a swin in the Chattahoochie River, no orders on the 10th.
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- 11th James come over when I was eating breakfast and we had a good time noon ordered to march got ready fell in and stacked armes... then ordered to draw rations then we drew rations and started to march about 3 oclock and crossed the river and clum over the hills til dark camped on the hill behind a breastwork
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- 12th The 9th A.C. passing I saw James again this morning. I started 2 letters home this morning one for James & one for myself. 9 oclock AM no order yet quiet allday James come over in the evening
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- 13th Detaled on fatigue duty worked on the road allday, hard a vary warm day that night I got 2 lbs of tobaccco from home
- 14th ordered to be ready to march at 6 A.M. Lut didnt start til 10 marched about 2 miles and went in camp old fashioned. vary hot day and rained hard at night
- 15th vary pleasant morning. Van Hendrich came over had a good time
- 16th ^{inspections} of arms layed in camp all day vary warm
- 17th orders to be ready to march at 6 oclock but didnt start til about 10 marched about 4 miles and built works at night at dark orders come to stop work and be ready

- 18th march at 6 A.M. marched about 4 miles and found the rebs and a line drove them out of Deca and halted in the street armes rested til about 6 P.M. moved around to the right about 1 mile went in camp about 8
- 19th started to march about 7 oclock and marched toords Atlant noon stoped to rest and get after denner marched up to front advanced on them and works
- 20th started for the skirmish line at took position and had pretty skirmishing all day and night
- 21st started to advance at daylight took the diserted works at rise advanced on about 200 yards and I found 2 rebs in the brush and took them back to the Provost Marshall and the regt went on and found the rebs got in a hot place 3 in our C. Wounded E. Wiseman in the arm H. Carl in the arm H Fawley in the head. When I got back the regt was was relieved, then we got a warm breakfast. then went up and built works. Heard hard fighting on our left (expected a charge worked hard till dark
- 23rd took the front line about 8 oclock behind good works stayed there all day esepecting an attact but they dident come firing a cannon about evry 5 minutes. James come over and I was glad to see him I gave him about $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of captured tovacco. kept close the workds all day. draw rations at dark.
- 24th stayed close to the workds all day James Caleb and Bill Dawson come over and had a good visit. pretty sharp picket firing at sundown and kept up at dark
- 25th & 26th layed still all day James Jones and Bill Dawson come over prety quiet in the morning cleaned up the camp no excitement all day
- 27th quiet all day except a little skirmishing
- 28th heavy fighting on the right pretty sharp cannonading here. the rebs loss on the right reported 10,000
- 29th sharp skirmishing in front all day

a mistake of
the day

- 30th hear fighting on the right in the morning cannonading all day on our right James come over and stayed about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour all quiet at night
- 31st quiet all day I went over to the 9th and had a good time took dinner with Jones and Caleb
- Aug.
1st little skirmishing all day warm rain expecting orders to march 2 o'clock no orders yet order come at dark to pack up and fall in quietly and marched til about mid night layed down slept til morning
- 2nd started at 6 o'clock marched about 15 miles on the right stoped at dark and got supper fixed our beds then had to go on picket the regt but no fighting
- 3rd laying in the woods looking for orders all the time. All quiet at 8 o'clock orders come at 12 o'clock we marched out in front of the breastwork and advanced the line put up breastworks and they shelled us, sin worked on the breast works all night *like*
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- 4th worked on the breastworks all day. vary warm heavy .. cannaiding in the after noon
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- 5th quiet early in the morning some artilery fighting through the day orders come at dark to be ready to march at 4 in the morning
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- 6th started at 4 and marched about 2 miles halted in supporting distance of a charge then marched around to the estream right unslung knapsacks and charged across an open field $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile drove the rebs and we held the ground til dark then fill back unmolested
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- 7th gathered the regt together and marched about 1 mile halted and found that we had 1 killed and 2 wounded stayed there til about noon then marched out took a position behind works and Co. E went on picket
- 8th relieved from picket about 10 o'clock went to camp rained hard we had a soft time quiet all night
- 9th rain in the morning quiet in front early marched about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the front line

- 10th quiet in the morning some rain hard up for rations. drew rations in the evening fell in ranks marched about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and built works facing to the rear
- 11th went on picket but didnt see any rebs drew whisky and got tite
- 12th relieved from picket at 10 oclock layed in camp the rest of the day started a letter home and received one from home
- 13th all quiet got some gren corn had a good dinner
- 14th esepecting the paymaster all quiet this morning rain in the evening
- 15th all quiet & warm
- 16th quiet in the morning pay master come we drew our money I drew 120.20
- 17th ready to march expectin orders orders come to move about 100 yards up to the breastworks up camp esepecting to stay awhile
- 18th some shelling going on in the morning
- 19th orders to be ready to march at 4 A.M. started at 8 and marched about 200 yards stayed til 4 then marched about 2 miles to the right to support Cocks then returned at dark
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- 20th orders to be ready to move in light marching order marched to the right about 6 miles and returned at night out of rations half starved
- 21st
Sunday detaled for picket went out til noon took the toothache come in sent out a man in my place.. the mail come in at dark I got 2 letters one from mother the other from Eliza with her likeness in it
- 22nd layed in camp all day wrote a letter home with 5 dollars in
- 23rd layed in camp all day

- '24th layed in camp all day
- 25th cleaned up our guns for inspection
- 26th layed in camp done nothing
- 27th layed round in camp all day
- 28th ordered to be ready to march at daylight got ready and layed there till noon then marched about a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile layed there till sundown then marched about 3 miles (that was evacuating our works
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- 29th marched back $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles layed in the brush til near dark then marched ahead of where we lay last night lay there til next morning
- 30th moved about 5 miles acrss the Montgomery RR built works at night
- 31st marched about 5 miles built works then moved ahead about 4 mile lay on the road til dark then pull back to our works
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- Sept
1st ~~marched about 10 miles followed the torn up Macon RR about 4 or 5 miles went in a large field stayed all night~~
- 2nd layed there til about 9 oclock then started out and marched around all day hard got to the front at dark when there was a pretty sharp engagement going on took a postion and went back to get supper we had a good supper of ~~fresh pork and mush went bully~~
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- 3rd ~~layed there until about 3 oclock then fell back and to the left and built works got shelled a little got 1 killed 2 wounded~~
- 4th finished the works in the morning layed around all day
- 5th layed round camp all day orders some to be ready to march at 8 oclock started at 8 marched all night through the mud and dark
- 6th stoped about 6 oclock and got breakfast layed around there all day
- 7th marched about 12 or 18 miles went in camp about sundown tiered as dogs

- [8th marched about 8 miles to Decator the little town that we took just 50 days ago have now maid the trip around Atlanta but never saw the city
- 9th layed in camp all day got some honey sweet potatoes and fresh pork lived *fa*
- 10th Cleaned up our guns for inspection layed the rest of the day
- 11th
Sunday inspection of armes in the morning no excitement in camp vary warm
- 12th Brief inspection in the morning
- 13th Went to Atlanta to see the place run all day and dident see more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the city the houses torn by shells vary badly
- 14th our regt went on piquett
- 15th releived from guard and moved our camping place in to a regular camp or we think
- 16th detaled on piquett again
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- 17th layed round camp all day
- 18th rained and was disagreeable mudy layed round camp all day
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- 19th company drill in the morning dress parade at 5 in evening
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- 20th drill Battellion drill dress parade and drew soft bread
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- 21st no drill making out payrolls expect the paymaster in a few day
- 22nd no drill plenty of rain
- 23rd nothing but rain
- 24th layed round all day heard a great many reports about going home
- 25th the excitement geting pretty hy
- 26th I had to drill an awkward squad the home feaver dying down a little
- 27th got payed off I drew 76 pitt bully
- 28th great excitement about going home to vote
- 29th talk of moving our camp a short distance
- 30th policing the ground for new camp Our 1st lieu resigned and started home I sent 50 dols home by him

- Oct.
1st layed around camp all day
- 2nd want a forriaging marched about 12 miles and back got back at 9 oclock
- 3rd orders to move camp about 80 rods and before we got moved orders come to get ready to march at one oclock we did and lay around til 4 them orderd to stay there til morning
- 4th started at 6 oclock marched all day and half the night crossed the Chattahoochee at midnight camped
- ~~5th started about 7 oclock passed through Maryetta about 4 and went on about 5 miles stoped about 10 oclock in the night~~
- 6th started about 7 and marched all day through the mud and heavy rains
- 7th orders to draw rations and be ready to march rations and lay still all day
- ~~8th orders to be ready at six to march got ready and layed round till 4 in the evening then fell in and marched about 8 miles through Ackworth saw where the rebs had toore the railroad went near altona and camped~~
- 9th orders to be ready to march at 6 but lay there all day
- 10 drew rations in the morning and marched from altona to near kingston hard marching
- ~~marched about 10 miles passed through kingston and went down the Railroad in the direction of rome camped and then went a forriaging~~
- 12th started at 6 and marched or run down near Rome a distance of 14 miles. I got 3 letters and some tobacco
- 13th orders to march at 3 and we broke out through rome went on west about 7 miles and found some rebs saw several killed and wounded ones that the cavelry had been after saw three peaces of artilery that we had captured then went back to rome
- 14th started north east from rome at 7 oclock and marched about 17 miles and camped.
- 15th marched about 21 miles passed through calhoon and on through Resica camped and hadent any rations

- 16th started at 6 oclock and marched all day without anything to eat stoped at the south end of snakes gap and waited on the pioneers to cleen out the trees that the rebs had fell in there styed there about 3 hours then started and marched hard till 10 oclock then draw rations
- 17th orders to march at 6 but the order was contermanded and we layed still until the next morning
- 18th started from a little place called luckonaw marchéd about 24 miles
- 19th marched about 15 miles passed through summersville..
- 20 started at daylight marched about 15 miles stoped for dinner and slayed all day
- 21st orders to march at 6 and the orders was contermanded and we lay all day
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- 22nd ~~heavy frost this morning layed still all day near Gaylesville Ala~~
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- 23rd Went a forriaying and got nothing traveled hard all day
- orders to march at 9 oclock marched hard until 3 oclock was then about 3 miles from where we started we was put on fiquett and stayed there until dark then moved back to the brigade and camped for the night
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- 25th ~~started at daylight marched back to ceder bluffo layed there until 3 oclock then crossed the coocie ríver and built works stayed there all night~~
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- 26th orders to fixup camp got the mail then orders to be ready to move at moments warning but dident march
- 27th layed around camp all day
- 28th orders to be ready to march at 1 oclock got reddy and lyed around until dark and then orders to stay until 5 the next morning
- 29th started at 5 and marched 24 miles very tired at night
- 30th started at 5 and marched about 24 miles camped at night in 2 miles of rome
- 31st started at daylight marched about 20 miles went through rome camped at night in about 4 miles of calhoon

- Nov
1st started at 5 passed through calhoon saw several of the 4th Ind cav G Boseter T. Hissong T. Harvy W Kemp and several others. marched on to resica then camp and waited for the cars
- 2nd layed around all day in the rain took the cars at dark and traveled all night
- 3rd traveled all that day and night
- 4th still on the cars passed through chattanooga saw some of the drafted men J cochrun I condrick W Bendure A Snyder
- 5th passed through Nashville in the night went on to Johnsonville got there at 3 in the afternoon took position on a hill and built works
- 6th still at work on the works
- 7th layed around camp all day very hard rains
- 8th rain and hard wind
- 9th rain rain rain
- 10th cleared off a detale of 40 men to work on a fort
- 11th nice day nothing to doe but draw rations
- 12th nothing doing
- 13th camp doing nothing
- 14th moved our tent
- 15th rain delaled for fatigue but rained so hard that we dident work
- 16th worked on the fort
- 17 worked on a house
- 18 worked again on the house
- 19 on piquett
- 20 moved camp about 20 rods
- 21 layed around the fire pretty cold
- 22 very cold freezing weather
- 23 layed around all day order come at dark to be ready to move at daylight that made us nearly mad
- 24th started about sunup and marched about 15 miles passed through Waberly there left the RR and marched southward
- 25th started at 9 and marched about 10 miles
- 26th marched about 18 miles and waided the river at dark and the bush whackers fiered into us at 3 in the morning roused us up in a hurry

- 27th Started at daylight marched about 10 miles and divided the regt and col Bruner took the right wing down the river about 2 miles to guard a ford camped
- 28th Co E on fiquett plenty of forriage but no government rations
- 29th still in camp the forriagers brought in honey meet flour molases and ebry thing that was good
- 30th marched to the upper ford and camped for the night
- Dec
1st marched 30 miles toords Nashville
- 2nd marched 25 miles got within 8 miles of Nashville and old Hood cut us off and we counter marched and traveled all night in the rain waided a river at 7 oclock in the morning
- 3th stoped and drew a pint of meal to the manr and then went on
- 4th marched about 2 miles to Charlotte
- 5th marched about 15 miles to Clarksville crossed the river and camped drew rations
- 6th layed in camp all day
- 7th marched 24 miles
- 8th marched 22 miles camped in sight of nashville
- 9th crossed the river marched through town in the snow and rain and camped
- ~~10th stayed there and froze that day~~
- ~~11th layed still~~
- ~~12th layed there yet~~
- 13th on fiquett
- 14th lay still very foggy in the morning
- 15 started out at daylight to give old Johney Hood a whet and I got wounded about sundown and was taken to the hospital after dark and lay there until the 3rd of Januury was loled to the river and put on a hospital boat named Jenny Hopkins
- Jan
4th we run down to clarksville and was moved onto a larger boat named R C Wood lay there until the the 6th then started down the river and went to Jeffersonville Ind it took us until the 4th to make the trip. then I was put in to the Jefferson Hospital Ward 5 James went home that night.

I stayed in the ward til the 13th then was taken to the gangrene ward and was burned with pure Bromine 3 days in succession. stayed at the gangrene ward til the 19th then was carried to the tents my wound done very well Eli come in the morning of the 22nd he stayed with me til the I went back to the ward on the 29th. I stayed at the Ward 3 days then I told the Dr that I had the gangrene and he sent me to the tents I stayed at the tents til the 4th of february then the sergeant sent me to the ward again. I stayed at the at the ward til the 16th then was carried to the gangrene ward with the gandrene worse than ever they burned a hole through my leg. Eli and Mat Erwin come and stayed one day then in a fiew days James come down to stay with me til I got well.. I was taken to the tents on the 20th of march and was burned a little 25th and 26th

April

3rd

heard that Richmond was taken doubted it a little

4th

the newse was in the papere and then we beleaved it a great doings in Louisville and Jeffersonville tonight 70 guns fiered and a big time in general

5th

hard rain in morning

April

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heard the Genl Lee and his army was captured James took a notion to go home

James Franklin Deemer
war discharged 9-6/64
So he was visiting
George at the time
of end of war.